

Amendments to the Abstract:

Please amend the Abstract of the Disclosure section starting at page 45, line 2 and ending at page 45, line 14 to read, as follows.

A ~~With~~a developing device having a first developing sleeve for supplying developing agent to a first developing area A, and a second developing sleeve for supplying developing agent, handed from the first developing sleeve, to a second developing area B, the surfaces of the first developing sleeve and the second developing sleeve are subjected to roughening such that the average inter-peak distances thereof differ between the first developing sleeve and the second developing sleeve. This prevents fusion of toner due to [[the]] toner particles becoming embedded in [[the]] recesses of [[the]] course formations on the surface of the developing sleeves, resulting in extensive usage periods yielding high image quality.